NCNA HEADS AND TALES

The Official Publication of the
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement
To Promote and To Serve Northern California Numismatics

One Hundred-Fifth (105th) Issue

September 2012
Volume XXXI, Number 3

Editor
Michael S. Turrini

Contacts
Post Box Office 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410
EMPERORI@juno.com
www.solanocoinclub.com

***"What Do We Live For, If It Is Not To Make Life Less Difficult For Each Other?"*----George Elliot**

2012-2012 NCNA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Harry W. Davis----------President
Irene Carrillo----------First Vice-President
Jon-Maria Marish----------Second Vice-President
Fred G. van den Haak----------Secretary
Michael S. Turrini----------Treasurer

DEADLINE FOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTH (106th) ISSUE----------December 1st

President's Message August, 2012

I hope this message finds you all in good health, I am doing well and trying to keep busy in the hobby. I have slowed down but still attend as many club meetings or functions as I am able but not as many as I would like. I still enjoy the programs and especially all your Show-N-Tells and now the auctions at the meetings. There is always some spirited bidding and items sometime go for a lot more than they should but bidders seem to enjoy the bidding. I even put a few items in and don't do too bad, sometime better than I hoped.

The end of April found me at the Vallejo City Hall Council meeting accepting a Proclamation from the city on behalf of the Vallejo Numismatic Society as President for our May 2012 Coin Club Show. And later that same week several members of Vallejo, Fairfield and Santa Rosa coin clubs supported a new coin club in Ukiah, California by attending their first coin show. The Ukiah Coin Club did a great job and we enjoyed the trip and the day. Some of us were honored with special woods from the club.

May was very busy with the Vallejo Numismatic Society's coin show and I had the pleasure of visiting with a dear friend and American Numismatic Association's Governor, Walter Ostromeki who handled our Youth Table and we believe many families came in with their children for the Treasure Hunt making our show a big hit, along with all the hard work of our members. Thanks to All! I had planned to attend the American Numismatic Association's convention in Denver, Colorado but was unable to do so. Delta Coin Club in Stockton held their "Hot Dog Nite" with Syd Kass's chilli, arrived late and missed the chilli, all gone! Carson City Coin Club and Long Beach Coin Club held their two day coin shows.

In June, the Fairfield Coin Club held a two day yard sale to raise funds for their club and youth program. These members are really into trying to get the younger generation involved with their club. Keep up the good work. The Livermore Valley Coin Club had their "Pot Luck" dinner with Tri Tip and Pulled pork, members brought side dishes or dessert. Good stuff! Yum!! The Alameda Coin Club had to cancel their coin show, to bad because it has always been a nice show to attend, maybe next year.

July made the Vallejo Numismatic Society change their first Wednesday meeting to Thursday as the first Wednesday was the 4th of July, that doesn't happend to often! The Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa had their BBQ with pork steaks and members added to the goodies with a side dish or dessert. Fremont Coin Club held their two day coin show and the Delta Coin Club of Stockton held their Family and Guests picnic at Micke Grove Park, hambergers and hot dogs with side dishes and dessert by members. With games for the young at heart and BINGO with numismatic prizes.

In August the Vallejo Numismatic Society held their Hot Dog Nite with members bringing in side dishes or desserts. The Fairfield Coin Club held their coin show with their members giving special attention to their youth program and holding a treasure hunt. And there was the two day Carson City Mint Coin Show.

Just a reminder that NCNA prints a coin show list, a free service to the numismatic community, listing is updated quarterly. If your club has an upcoming show send information early to: NCNA, Fred G. van den Haak, P. O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484 or e mail to fredvdh@gmail.com

There are many ways to get involved and support your local coin club. Just join and participate. You can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely, Harry W. Davis, President Harry W. Davis

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

This past August 2012 marks my fortieth measured year in 'organized numismatics', for on August 7, 1972, as a twenty-three (23) old college student, I joined my first coin club, my first venture into and with 'organized numismatics', the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Added to this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is a reflection of that initial step, crossing the threshold, into our 'world of money'.

Thought is given about these four decades since my initial youthful venture, and remembering also over the thirty plus (30+) years of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, Your Editor has expounded much, and at times, 'passed more gas than fact'. *LOL!*

But if there is one singular lesson from these two scores, it can be taken from an experience and chance short reading a few years back.

Back in August 2007, as that infamous, place holding, seventy-five (75) day wonder American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor, my body politic was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention. In some devoted personal habit, I would walk every morning from the hotel a few blocks north to Marquette University, which is a Jesuit operated higher education school and well-known and respected university, to attend Daily Mass.

Once, while pausing in the foyer of the campus cathedral's chapel, where Daily Mass was held, I browsed the literature rack and began to skim a Jesuit magazine, whose title has long been forgotten. There was a section in this particular issue about the influence that Jesuits priests had had on Marquette graduates and others. All were personal, and all were quite sincere and respectful.

For one, a wife had written that she and her husband had learned that the Jesuit, who had married them some decades before, was on his death bed, and they decided to visit and to show their respect. At his hospital bed, the conversations, she said, were kind, courteous, and reminiscing.

As they were to leave, the wife touched the old priest's arm and asked it there anything they could do. The old Jesuit, after a pause, arose with all his remaining strength, and setting up erected, raised his arm and pointed, saying in a strong voice, with all his might, ***'Continue'!***

Continue. That verb, My Friends, after forty (40) years says it all. ***Continue.***

In closing, Terry Fox, the great Canadian inspirational athlete, said it all also*: "Even I Do Not Finish, We Need Others To Continue. It Has Got To Keep Going Without Me."*

Ending, T.S. Elliot, the poet, once reminded *"think of the continuing generations of our families, think of our grandchildren and those yet unborn . . ."*. Again, says it all.

Continue.

Remember: **Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good!**

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2012 Election

As announced in the prior NCNA HEADS AND TALES issues, this year is our Association's biannual election, and a slate of officers has expressed a willingness to serve the Association. A mailed prepared ballot, as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, should be ready for mailing to all listed Individual and Club Members. This prepared ballot is separate from NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Needless to say, Individual and Club Members are encouraged to vote and to return posthaste. Results would be announced in the January 2013 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. These new and returning Executive Officers would assume their respective duties effective October 1, 2012.

Club Delegate

As a reminder and as provided by Article IV, Sections 4.01 through 4.05, each Club Member of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), may select, choose, appoint, or elect a 'Director', also titled 'Club Delegate', to sit on our Association's Board of Directors. Each Club Delegate shall have one (1) vote, and it is the responsibility of the respective Club Members (local coin clubs), presently twenty (20), to provide for its representation.

Coin Show Schedule

As repeatedly reiterated, this service remains one of our Association's most desirable and appreciated. The latest is reproduced with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, and President HARRY W. DAVIS has often reminded local coin clubs and individual hobbyists to avail themselves with this service. The Schedule is updated periodically on **www.solanocoinclub.com**. Inquiries and inclusions may be to **fredvdh@gmail.com** or ***'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'***.

Inclusions

With this NCNA HEADS AND TALES are two inclusions, articles if you preferred, one is a speech that I once addressed the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) Annual Convention's Club Delegate Breakfast some years back and is reflective of my now forty (40) years in organized numismatics, and the other was sent to me from the Sacramento Valley Coin Club and was supposed to be included with its electronic delivered NEWSLETTER. Your Editor believes the author is KYLE LOY. Other articles, and News Releases plus club medal order forms, are always welcomed and added, as space and postage weight allows. This is done as complimentary service to our Club Members.

A NCNA Club Members wanting to have something included or added is encouraged to contact Your Editor at ***'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*** or e-mail to **EMPERORI@juno.com**.

Looking Ahead

With the January 2013 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, Dues Notices would be included. If Members would prefer, they may remit their respective 2013 Dues now. Dues Rates are: $5.00 for Individual Members and $10.00 for Club Members. There is no electronic means or method of payment at this time, no PayPal or other processing. Sorry. Speaking of the January 2013 Issue, the deadline for submissions is December 1, 2012.

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
******PLEASE PUBLISH******

August 1, 2012
Stan Turrini
EMPERORI@juno.com
707-246-6327

2012 CSNA 'COIN COLLECTORS RETREAT' REMINDER

***Saturday*, September 29, 2012**, returning to the **Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum**, in downtown, Vallejo, California, will be the **Thirteenth (13th) Annual Northern California Educational Symposium, 'Coin Collectors' Retreat', of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and hosted by the Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society**.

Registration for this all-day event will begin at 9:00 AM, with the presenters having the first two in the morning session and the second two in the afternoon. At the conclusion, there will be an open roundtable discussion exchanging thoughts generated from the presentations. The entire program will be recorded on video. Admission is FREE, and the Museum is open free to all 'Retreat' attendees. .

The Museum is located at **734 Marin Street, *at Capital*, in downtown Vallejo, California**, and there is ample free off-street and street parking with convenient access into the Museum.

This year's theme is *'Coins and History Make Fun'*, and these presenters and topics have been scheduled: **Herbert Miles**, of Richmond, California, with ***'When The Ponies Ran: The Pony Express'***, **Lloyd G. Chan**, from Fairfield, California, with ***'Ancients Can Be Fun'***, **Larry E. Benson**, from San Jose, California, with ***'The Color of Money'***, and ending **Dr. Robert J. Chandler**, from Lafayette, California, with ***'Tales of Gold and Gold as Tales'***.

Along with the presentations, there will be displays and Door Prizes, and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Library, which is housed inside the Museum, will be open and available.

Sponsors for this annual event include the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, along with James H. Laird, of Alamo, California, and Michael S. Turrini, CSNA Past President.

While no arranged luncheon service will be held inside the Museum this year, there are several eateries within walking distance and at various tastes.

Information about the 2012 'Coin Collectors' Retreat' may be obtained at ***707-246-6327*** with e-mail inquiries at EMPERORI@juno.com. Updates will be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com and www.calcoin.org. Information about the Vallejo Museum may be inquired at valmuse@pacbell.net. Written inquires may be to ***'PO Box 4003, Vallejo, California, 94590-0400'***.

"The objects and purposes of this Association are to promote, extend and protect numismatic activity throughout California, and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all forms and branches."

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA Club Happenings

Welcome To 'The Branch Mint Reports'! Below is a summary of the highlights----*names, dates, events, and activities*----for our Association Club Members. Only 'clubs' that are members or reciprocate with like coverage or support are included. If your favorite local coin club is not listed in the following, the reason is either it failed to renew for 2012 or it is not providing complimentary coverage of its respected newsletter/bulletin. With this issue, if the coin club is not a current Club Member or it nothing has been received, nothing is given.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY Held a small gathering last May 6, 2012 during the Vallejo (California) Coin Club's Annual Show with a Fund-Raising Auction. Thanks to the generosity of those present and the adjoining Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) Members, the CES earned are respectful $81.00! Your Editor, who doubles as the CES' quarterly MEDALLION Editor, coordinated and called the Auction with ALVIN H.W. LO doing the recording and payment duties. The July 2012 MEDALLION had inclusions from the Ontario (Canada) Numismatic Association (ONA), the Oklahoma Numismatic Association (ONA), and the Nashua (New Hampshire) Coin Club. Updates about the CES may be contacted with current President LILA ANDERSON at lila@joelscoins.com.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Has a new COIN PRESS Editor, and it is ALLISON PARKER, who also edits the neighboring San Jose Coin Club's monthly TODO DINERO. As she reported, "I would like to thank Our Magnificent Highness KING LYLE I, for his help as I take over the position of newsletter Editor . . . Thank you for all your help and for being newsletter Editor, LYLE!" There is a new e-mail address for the COIN PRESS, and it is CupertinCoinClubNewsletter@gmail.com. Speaking of both coin clubs, the CCC joined its neighbors, the San Jose Coin Club, last July 21, 2012 with their Annual Joint Picnic, Sunnyvale, California's Las Palmas Park. Just under forty (40) attended, with cooks again FRED DAVIS, CCC current President, and KEITH SCOTT. Earlier, at the July 13, 2012 meeting, the CCC held its Annual Hot Dog Night, with special thanks to ALVIN H.W. LO plus FRED and MARTHA DAVIS, and additional thanks to the 'cooking team': ALVIN H. W. LO, KATHERINE RAY, and DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL. The August 10, 2012 heard HAROLD WHEELER with '*Time Travel*'. Going back to June 8, 2012, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, after a day 'at the beach', spoke on *'What To Do Before You Go'*: "MICHAEL stressed the importance of having a detailed Will along with Executors to oversee your final wishes."

DELTA COIN CLUB The Club enjoyed its Annual Picnic, again at Lodi, California's Mickie Grove, this past July 29, 2012: "about fifty-eight members and guests attended the Annual Picnic, where you missed the food, more food, and lots more to eat. The 'Master Cooks' were DALE OLSON, ROY GARBER, and LORIS ENZMINGER, plus SYD KASS. After all the eating, came the 'Egg Toss' won by the usual team of DON KENDRICK and JONATHAN KENDRICK. Yes, there were a few eggs splattered during the 'Toss'. 'Pennies In The Jar' Guessing Game was won by ED ALDRETE, with a guess of one thousand one hundred forty-five (1145), missing the exact count by just a few 'cents'. All this followed by games of Bingo for Silver Eagles, with HARRY W. DAVIS winning the Black-Out Game. The 50/50 Drawing gave CHARLENE LEUENBERGER $62.50 . . . a good time was had by all with great cooperation form the weatherman." Earlier, LLOYD G. CHAN and MICHAEL S. TURRINI at the Club's June 15, 2012 meeting gave a double-header: "MICHAEL brought and showed samples of World War II War Bonds (Savings Bonds) . . . his share of the dual program brought back a lot of memories to all of us present. Then LLOYD presented his share on the Ancient Coins of Alexander III or better known as Alexander the Great . . . Also shown were pictures or copies of these ancient coins. His presentation brought back a lot of school day's history to the members present." Later, MICHAEL returned solo at the August 17, 2012 meeting and gave his *'Coins With Stories'* program. Both programs were well-received and appreciated, as entertaining and educating.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has heard a serious of outstanding presenter recently, beginning with BILL HICKMAN at the May 17, 2012 with *'Concepts of Investing'*, with the speaker's opening admonishment: 'never invest in anything you do not totally understand'. At the Society' August 16, 2012 meeting the Society's Youth Coordinator KYLE ANDERSON spoke on *'1892 Columbian Exposition'*, often abbreviated as 'WCE'. His PowerPoint program was complete, informative, and fast-paced. Longtime member and booster MICHAEL 'Steamer' M. STANLEY has begun a monthly column in the Society's newsletter, DIABLO DIE-BREAK, His most recent column, titled 'Street Finds': "while on patrol at a local motel, I found some sort of paper money wrapped around the leg of the ice machine. I bent over to pick it up, and lo and behold, it was an 1863 Confederate Five Dollar note! Now, where did it come from? Just blew into town with a gust of wind? As a mailman for twenty-two (22) years, going door-to-door, you find a lot of stuff! Kid's toys, sprinkler heads, and so on. People like to clean their cars in the driveway. Invariably, loose change gets swept out the door onto the driveway, just waiting for your 'friendly mailman' to pick the changes up! In 2004, I kept track of all 'road kill', and at the end of the year, I had picked up $168.07 in small change, in one year!" 'Steamer' also noted newer vending machines now make change for Five Dollars, and he once recently received a 1908 Barber Quarter from a candy machine. The Society enjoyed its Annual Picnic at Pleasant Hill, California's upscale and trendy Back Forty Texas BBQ last July 22, 2012 with a record crowd of over one hundred fifty attending, and there was enough food for second and thirds! Wow!

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Held its Twenty-Third (23rd) Annual Coin Show this past August 12, 2012, again at the Fairfield, California Community Center. As reported in the August 2012 FAIRFIELD MONEYGGRAM, President ROBERT 'Bob' W. BELLEAU, SR, expressed appreciation to these members and friends for their assistance: Kitchen Team: KRYSTEN QUENGA, JEANNE ALLEN, and CHARLENE PING, Set-Up and Clean-Up: KEVIN and TAMI QUENGA, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, 'GENE' BERRY, WILLIAM F. BARTZ, WILSON RAY, LLOYD G. CHAN, EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR., JEANNE ALLEN, and JON-MARIA MARISH, plus 'BOB' BELLEAU. TAMI QUENGA coordinated the Youth Table, and ROBERT E. LUNA and MICHAEL S. TURRINI did like duty with the Information Table, assisted with DONALD L. HILL, LLOYD G. CHAN, and CATHERINE DILLARD. Particularly appreciation was noted to MICHAEL S. TURRINI, who again donated the costs for the early morning refreshments, and to 'BOB' BELLEAU, KEVIN QUENGA, EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI for hauling and bringing plus returning the assorted show supplies and 'stuff'. Two neighboring local coin club Presidents spent several hours at the Show: HARRY W. DAVIS and JAMES H. LAIRD, giving their moral support. Reviews were positive, and attendance was steady throughout the day, and the Club earned a fair profit, over $900.00, from this one-day event. The Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) continued a long tradition of holding a meeting during the Show.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Heard its fellow member, LUIS RAMOS, talk about his time and experiences during the recent American Numismatic Association (ANA) Summer Seminar: "LUIS reported on some of the classes that he took there on Coin Grading and Authenticating, Counterfeit Detecting, and all other classes and activities, plus the programs that are offered for education through the ANA." Also, it should be noted that LUIS "has constructed a basic format hat is an excellent foundation for" the FNS' intended Website. FRESNO NUMISMATIST Editor RANDY CLIFTON noted that "LUIS is one of our more energetic and dedicated younger members . . . He is becoming more active in the Society's functions and its going-on's; individuals like him that will define the future of our Society. He is definitely a positive asset that will be part of the positive force shaping and moving this Society." A fine tribute to and for this young 'mover and shaker'. Going back to the June 12, 2012 FNS meeting, the program was 'Other Hobbies Night': "which saw some things like JAMES JOHNSON'S collection of items; that he got form other countries on his world travels, DENNIS OLSWANG's assorted collection of offbeat stuff that he called his 'what it is' collection, and ALIZE SOLIS' collection of really cool Justin Bieber items as well as things from her 'Hello Kitty' collection."

FREMONT COIN CLUB Held its Coin Show last July 27 and 28, 2012, and MARY ROJA, a new member, winning the top prize, a Twenty Dollar Double Eagle in the Show's Drawing. The two exhibitors spilt the awards: BRIITA EHLERS, with *'Wooden Script From The Depression Era'*, Best of Show, and AARON HOUSTON, *'Modern Silver Dimes: Collectibles That Retain Value'*, First Place. DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL has 'step to the plate' and filled the vacant Director's position on the FCC's Board of Directors. For the Society's June 26, 2012 and July 24, 2012 meetings, the FNS welcomed distant member, Your Editor, to speak. The June 26, 2012 presentation was a reflection of his forty (40) years in organized numismatics. He "cited changes which he foresees: collecting in a virtual world, on-line coin clubs, fewer collectors as well as fewer collector societies, a greater social aspect to the hobby, and increased interest in bullion precious metals, increased number of slabbed coins, more Congressional laws about coinage, including commemoratives, more specialized collections, and finally more multi-faceted collections." The July 24, 2012 program was titled *'Coins With Stories'*, including the little-known Cuban ABC Pesos, the 1928 Irish Free State initial proof coinage, and an award silver tray to the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, California from 1973. Earlier, at the May 22, 2012 meeting, ROBERT E. LUNA, traveled from his North Bay home, spoke on *'The Many Horns and Legs of the Buffalo Nickel'*. BOB has developed this PowerPoint program and presented before the neighboring Diablo Numismatic Society and Fairfield Coin Club.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Heard PARKER VOGT from Camino Coins at its June 20, 2012 meeting detailed "his interest in collecting Morgan and Peace Dollars. He mentioned how great the timing is to fill our albums with all but a couple of scare dates by looking through bags of Dollars that are readily available from most coin dealers. Even some CC Mint Dollars can be found at bullion prices! He also mentioned his specialty of collecting the many die varieties, aka 'VAMS', as thoroughly covered by the definitive book, GUIDE TO MORGAN AND PEACE DOLLARS by Van Allen and Mallis," a well given presentation with lots of energy and enthusiasm. The July 18, 2012 meeting had another local coin dealer present, JOE WARGO, on *'The Changing Hobby'*: "we enjoyed a very interesting presentation by JOE WARGO in which we were all able talk about how and why we collect coins and other items." The LNS, in place of its once highly anticipated Annual Book Auction, has been selling books, mostly from the late GORDON R. DONNELL, on ***ebay***: "to date, we have sold two hundred forty (240) lots . . . and netted over $3,400.00 after all the fees and shipping have been paid. So far, we have shipped twenty-six (26) lots to nine (9) foreign countries." The ***ebay*** sales have been so successful for the LNS that it has earned ***ebay's*** Top Seller and Bronze Power Seller levels! Wow! All the credit for this goes to current LNS President and Editor BILL HURJA.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held its Annual Banquet last June 30, 2012 at the well-known Golden Mirror Restaurant: "President STEPHEN M. HUSTON presented Silver Anniversary Membership Medals to RICK WEBSTER and HERBERT MILES. DANIEL HIPPLE announced the Society's Annual Papers Contest winners: 'WILLIAM HYDER, *'California Trail Riders Pictorial Tokens'*, First Place, MARK BENVENUTO, *'The Maria Theresa Thaler: The Ultimate One-year Type Set'*, Second Place, and JERRY SHIMMEL, *'San Francisco Through Its Exonumia: The U.S. Beer Hall'*, Third Place." After the awards and social time, the famous, and infamous, 'PCNS Bingo' was called again by the ultimate 'Bingo Master' HERBERT MILES. The Bingo games became so loud and intense, with numerous disputes over numbers called and prizes supposedly awarded, that the Restaurant was compelled to have the banquet end earlier! It is hard to believe but numismatic scholars can be rowdy! *LOL!* Going through some earlier PCNS BULLETINs, last April 25, 2012, the esteemed STEPHEN M. HUSTON reviewed numismatic price guides, and offered this admonishment: "in the end, the collector must evaluate price guides to properly use these references. These will accurately represent the purpose the author(s) had in mind when creating the guide. These will also misrepresent the marketplace because the author's purpose will likely not coincide with a pure market." Good Insight.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB The most recent annual PCC club medal issue has been minted with a final silver mintage of only forty-two (42). An earlier report has forty-one. The PCC continues each Summer to meet, complimentarily, at the Palo Alto, California Red Cross, thanks to PCC Member TOM CASCONE. The big push for PCC is its November 4, 2012 Coin Show, and Bourse Forms are now available from FRED G. van den HAAK at *'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'*.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB LEE H. GONG, a recognized national numismatic authority and the RECC's resident Youth Numismatic Coordinator, compiled a listing of 'Ten Commandments for Coin Collecting', as applies to young hobbyists but all hobbyists:

One: Before You Buy The Coin, Buy The Book
Two: Never Clean A Coin.
Three: Handle/Hold Coins By The Edges.
Four: Store Coins Properly In A Secured Place.
Five: Establish A Budget and Buy Only Coins That You Can Afford.
Six: Establish and Adhere To A Prioritized 'Want List'.
Seven: Do Not Talk, nor Drink and Eat, Over Coins.
Eight: Be Very Careful Removing Coins From 2x2 Holders To Avoid Scratching.
Nine: Own and Use A Good Loupe, To Inspect Coins Under Magnification, *and*
Ten: Always Be Courteous To Coin Dealers, as well as Other Hobbyists.

These 'ten commandments' were published in the latest RECC newsletter, and with some modifications, reprinted here for the edification of NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers.

RENO COIN CLUB Heard KEN HOPPLE talk on the history of Press #1, the 1876 one, that is still operational inside the Nevada State Museum in downtown Carson City, Nevada. Looking ahead, 2014 is the Club's Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary as well as Nevada's Sesquicentennial. The latest RENO CARTWHEEL, August 2012, reported that PCGS, the Professional Coin Grading Service, "culled some five thousand five hundred (5500) coins this year that had been submitted for grading" due to the Chinese counterfeits, which are "getting better in quality, and fooling many experts."

SAN FRANCISCO CLUB Announced that its now permanent meeting venue and date/time are: 'Fourth Fridays, with no-host dinner at 6:30 pm, and an informal gathering starting at 7:15 PM, at 'Tennessee Grill, Dinner Room, Main Floor, 1128 Taraval Avenue, between 21st and 22nd Avenue, in San Francisco, California." While a small group, the SFCC is active: its meetings always have Show 'n Tells, usually with some nice and rare plus desirable treasures, plus stories and exchanges among those present, and lots of laughs. The contact person for the Club's monthly meetings is JIM O'DEA, who may be contacted at ***415-929-8083*** or **jmodea2003@yahoo.com**. JIM will inform those contacting him as to the meeting's status and anticipated activities. *Note:* Any reference to another meeting venue is incorrect.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Held its Joint Picnic with neighboring Cupertino Coin Club last July 21, 2012, as mentioned with the Cupertino Coin Club. Along with the 'cooks', FRED DAVIS and KEITH SCOTT, LYLE OKAMOTO held the Drawing, and GORDON STUBBS and PEGGY GREGORY brought tuna salad and DAN BRINTNALL and BETTY HOLMES were generous with "several boxes of cookies." The SJCC held its Annual Hot Dog Night at the July 11, 2012 meeting. As ALLISON PAKER, TODO DINERO Editor, reported: "'Hot Dog Night' was a great success. Before the meeting, everyone enjoyed hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and desserts. I would like to thank STEVE

KOOJI for help with all the shopping, plus STEVE, DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL, and my dad, BILL PAKER for all their hope cooking in the kitchen. Thanks also goes to KEITH SCOTT, DOROTHY and 'Chuck' CALL, LARRY and KATHY BENSON, JOHN MIGUELGORRY, GORDN STUBBS, TONY YU, and RON ISHIZAKI for bringing items to share." At this meeting, RAY JOHNSON gave a program about '*Wampum*': "RAY explained that wampum is made from invertebrate shells. Native Americans traded wampum with the Colonists who eventually monetized it. By the 1700s, wampum was no longer preferred by the Europeans, but the Native Americans still used it for trading." At the June 13, 2012 meeting, 'Chuck' CALL spoke on *'Chinese Pandas'*: "Pandas were first minted in 1983 with a mintage of only ten thousand. In current years, the mintage is in the millions . . . 'Chuck' warned to watch out for fake Pandas. He also suggested comparing prices." *Sidebar:* RYAN JOHNSON's design with the 'Titanic' will be the SJCC's 2013 club medal. *Additional Sidebar:* RYAN was recently quite complimentary to Your Editor presenting him a 'nice companion'. As RYAN stated, Your Editor needed company when 'at the beach' or watching DVDs. *Thanks, RYAN!*

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Reminds NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers that it meeting schedule is six times a year: March, May, June, September, and December, with two other gathering during the respective Vallejo Numismatic Society's and Fairfield Coin Club's annual coin shows. The Club announces that next June 2013 would be the Club's Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary, 1983-2013. Former members are welcomed to contact the Club; call President JON-MARIA MARISH at ***707-384-3793*** or e-mail her at fccjoni@yahoo.com.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Announces that its 2013 Vallejo Coin Show would be on Sunday, May 5, 2013, returning to Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Callaghan Lane, *off Tennessee Street at Interstate 80, in east* Vallejo, California. The Bourse Coordinator is HARRY W. DAVIS, and he may be contacted via ***707-980-8254*** or perfectpair2900@netzero.net. Bourse Applications have been prepared and are ready. The VNS has a serious active and involved meeting programs and activities: June 6, 2012 was the Twenty-Sixth (26th) Annual Renn Auction, which was this year transferred to be a 'giant auction' for the members, and was highly received, July 5, 2012, due to the Fourth of July Holiday, was 'Chinese Buffet Night', with members gathering a Golden City Buffet in American Canyon, California, and August 1, 2012 was 'Hot Dog Nite', with chefs, DONALD L. HILL and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, boiling 'to perfection' the 'dogs, and September 5, 2012 meeting had the Society's, again due to a conflict with its regular meeting venue, at a local Denny's with 'Dining At Denny's'. As posted elsewhere in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, the VNS is the local host coin club for the Thirteenth (13th) Annual Northern California Educational Symposium this Saturday, September 29, 2012, at the local Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. One of the most active VNS Members, 'Doctor' LLOYD G. CHAN is returning as a presenter. HARRY W. DAVIS would again be Moderator, with IRENE CARRILLO and ROBERT W. 'Bob' BELLEAU, SR, doing Registration and MICHAEL S. TURRINI being the Symposium Coordinator. *Sidebar:* While this may have been reported nationally in the numismatic press and made to Facebook and You Tube, it should be noted that among the VNS Members there is a champion Salsa Dancing aficionado; local coin dealer, SCOTT GRIFFIN, who demonstrated his skills on the floor at a recent VNS meeting, which was quite impressive, and certainly worthy of a graduate of the prestigious Saint Ignatius Preparatory High School in San Francisco, California. What Does This Prove? Maybe nothing but coin hobbyists can be multi-faceted! (Plus, it is a good way to end the last entry in the Branch Mint Reports*! LOL!)*

THE HANDSHAKE

In any person's life and times, there are defining moments and predicating events that forever or fore sure ordain the future.

For us gather here this morning, and remembering back to the required readings in English Literature of the great novels by Thomas Hardy, as his Tess of the D'Urbervilles and The Mayor of Casterbridge, we might recollect that Hardy's lesson, in many of his great works, was how one single event, one simple act, or even one day could forever wrought what had been thought.

My story----*and it is only a short story*----this morning is to share that lesson, which we might have long ago forgotten as our life, careers, and families place upon us far more demands and duties than reading an achievement of English Literature. My story is personal, and like Hardy it is intended to give a lesson, abet maybe a lesson only I might comprehend. But, Do Listen.

To begin, take yourselves back over thirty years, back to the Summer of 1972, and think what age you were or were you lived or worked or simply where. For me, I was completing my Junior year at San Francisco State University, my alma mater, and working, as some of you might have, for the local parks and recreation, and in Vallejo, California, then as today, it was called the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, GVRD, for short. At the time, my job----*and it was not really a job, as most of us who once worked parks and recreation could honestly swear*----was at Children's' Wonderland, a small park for the young kids, where I was called 'Mr. Mike' and even then wore my mandatory shorts. As for being named 'Mr. Mike', let me save that story for the bar and a drink later today.

Having had an interest in numismatics----*or as I prefer nowadays in my writing and talks to address our lofty 'world of money', the 'coin hobby'*----something came to me, and it was not from reading any coin hobby literature, for I did not subscribe at the time to any or from membership in the national American Numismatic Association (ANA) because it would ten more years before joining it while not joining our Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) until 1986; rather, it was simply intuitive, and my mind told me: "Michael, you have to join a local coin club". Yes, folks, a little voice spoke to me about the most basic of coin hobby enhancements: joining and belonging to a local coin club.

For me, that would mean the Vallejo Numismatic Society. I had heard and even attended a meeting a few years back with a college friend and his girlfriend, attending just briefly. My friend would go on to marry his only girlfriend and never continue in our coin hobby. Is there a hidden message with that saga? Hum? We can save that for another drink at the bar later today.

But, back to my story. It was Summer 1972, and nothing particularly was happening, save that Richard M. Nixon was on his way to a triumphant reelection, and I working the Summer at Children's Wonderland. But, the call to join a coin club kept at me, and knowing that the Vallejo Numismatic Society gather on the First Wednesday evening, I resolved, swore, and pledged to attend and to ask about joining. Declaration From The Heart.

But something interfered, maybe just laziness or the great Summer weather, and it was now August 1972, specifically, August 7, 1972, and it was 'do or die', since with September, my body and mind would return to my beloved San Francisco State University.

I told my Mother that evening that I was going to the coin club in town, for at that point in my life I told my Mother everything, or most everything. Many of you can remember that youthful point in your lives too.

Knowing that the coin club met at the Veterans Memorial Building and driving my then already old brown 1966 Chevy II Nova, and wearing my red wind breaker from Children's Wonderland and wearing Levi's. Yes, I was wearing pants, and it might have been the last time in my life that I wore full-length pants. But, that is another story for the bar and a third drink.

The Veterans Memorial Building was an imposing structure, solidly made, rising to four stories, over Vallejo's designated City Park. In the United States, as in Canada, in the 1920s and 1930s, the American Doughboys returning home from what they called The Great War erected these buildings in the communities across The States. These all had common characteristics: meeting and fraternal rooms, a place for dinners and parties, and a bar, which later would be a regular stop after the Vallejo Numismatic Society's First Wednesday evening meetings. But, I am getting ahead of myself; this separate story can wait for the fourth drink at the bar later today.

For all my presence and confidence today, back then I was simply scared, scared, for I had never joined anything save the Sierra Club, and that was by mail. How would I be received? A college kid in the early 1970s was not someone popular, remembering the campus unrest of the 1960s. There would be no one whom I would know. I went alone, and I was scared.

But having resolved to 'cross the Rubicon', I walked up the steps into the once majestic Veteran's Memorial Building, and turned into the bar, asking for directions for the coin club. The bartender kindly directed me down the stairs into what was called the Dinning Areas. I had done this to build confidence, since I already knew in what room the coin club met.

The sense and sensation walking down the stairs still is felt thirty-three years later: the noise, the vitality, the activity, and the intensity all still come to me. I could hear it. I could feel it, and when I stepped down and turned the last step into what was called the 'Large Dinning Area', I saw it.

The room will fill, and everyone seemed to be talking or going about. It was alive.

Now, we come to that defining moment, or for at least me.

Across from where I stopped, there was a head table and an older gentlemen, a person whose age now is my age, and my eyes caught him. He was busy, with papers spread before him and writing or scribbling something, separate from all the commotion. Something told me to go to him, which I did in a straight beeline.

Having rehearsed my introduction, I walked up, stopped, and said, "Sir, may I ask you about asking to join the coin club?". Listen, I said "May I ask if I can ask", being so nervous.

He stopped. He stood-up. He smiled and looked at me straight. He grasped my hand. He shook my hand, and without a pause, said 'Welcome, we would love you to join. Yeah, Pete----*referring to Pete Petersen, who was the coin club's President then*----we have a new member here". Mr. Petersen immediately walked over and shook my hand, extending his equal welcome.

All within a few quick seconds, a handshake, a warm welcome, and friendliness confirmed my membership.

A few mandatory actions followed: the Membership Application Card and $3.00 dues.

(12)

Merrill Keaton, who was the gentleman and at the time the beloved Secretary, or as he preferred 'Scribe', could have dismissed my inquiry with "I am busy" or "Come back in a few minutes" or "Do you have some ID?" or "How did you hear about our club?" or "Give me a few minutes" or "Do you know anyone here" or any other perfunctory questions or excuses; but, he did not: he chose to stand, to face me, to welcome me, to smile at me, and to shake my hand.

If any defining moment can be identified that has brought me to this very place, this very Saturday morning here in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, it has to be Merrill Keaton's 'Handshake'. Everything since and everything yet to be in my coin hobby is and can be traced to that few seconds back on August 7, 1972 in the basement Large Dining Area at the Veteran's Memorial Building, in Vallejo, California. Everything Since and Everything Yet To Be.

Merrill Keaton would serve a few more years and then retired. By chance a few years ago, we crossed paths while doing my daily jogging and exchanged a few pleasantries.

Pete Petersen would serve also a few more years and then take his retirement from Sears, which you have here in Canada, to where all Americans retire, Arkansas.

The Veteran's Memorial Building is now a sorry, sad, and shuttered empty shell of its once greatness and grandeur.

But, I am here, and here to share this 'Handshake' with you.

Yes, this story was personal and rambling. But, think about it: what would have been the my reaction or response, if Mr. Keaton had not stopped, had not stood-up, had not smiled, had not looked me straight, and had not shook my hand. Think About It.

Candidly, this 'Handshake' was not important in the great plan of life and times, and it was not that important for much that has happened to me since and yet to be. However, a kind gesture by someone now long disappeared welcomed me, beckon me, and enticed me into this hobby, this 'world of money', which has been, is, and shall always be so much of my life and times.

Closing, maybe there was no lesson here----*only a rambling to cost me to four drinks at the bar later today*----but if Mr. Keaton had not shook my hand, would I be here today? Think about that the next time a stranger, a complete unknown, walks through the meeting room door into your local coin club.

Thank You. Good Luck and God Bless.

13

COIN COLLECTING
(Numismatics)

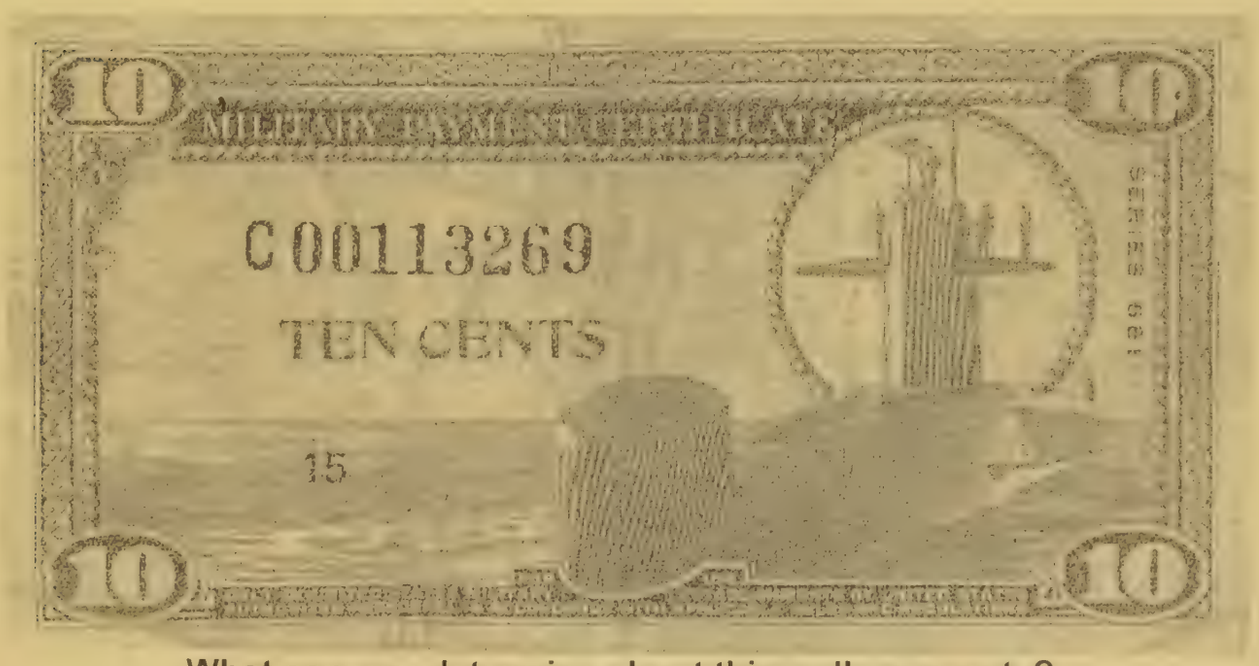
C	C	T	V	A	R	I	E	T	I	E	S	E	T	S	N	P
T	O	N	I	N	G	H	E	Y	B	B	O	H	S	I	R	R
N	N	M	C	C	D	E	T	A	L	P	M	I	C	I	R	O
W	V	E	M	I	N	T	S	T	A	T	E	K	C	E	E	O
O	E	D	N	E	C	Y	O	L	L	A	E	E	V	E	A	F
R	N	G	N	N	M	O	N	E	Y	L	T	L	D	Y	S	L
C	T	E	S	T	T	O	U	D	S	Y	I	O	U	F	W	I
D	I	M	E	S	C	O	R	I	N	S	N	B	S	D	O	K
E	O	G	O	L	D	E	H	A	I	R	G	T	O	O	H	E
T	N	K	E	N	V	G	S	M	T	W	R	O	L	L	S	E
A	D	A	R	E	T	R	A	U	Q	I	L	B	L	L	S	A
L	N	D	R	B	L	A	N	K	S	N	V	V	E	A	P	A
U	A	S	M	A	L	L	P	E	N	N	I	E	S	R	S	W
C	E	P	E	F	F	I	G	Y	E	I	R	R	A	R	E	A
R	A	L	L	O	D	F	A	L	H	P	M	S	L	O	T	T
I	N	G	I	E	R	O	F	N	W	E	N	E	E	E	A	T
C	N	E	E	U	Q	E	D	A	R	G	Y	H	E	A	D	O

ALLOY
ANCIENT
BLANKS
BUY
CIRCULATED
COMMEMORATIVE
CONVENTION
CROWN
DATES
DIMES
DOLLAR
EDGE
EFFIGY
FOREIGN
GOLD
GRADE
HAIR
HALF DOLLAR
HEAD
HOBBY
LARGE
MEETING
MINT STATE
MONEY
NEW
NICKELS
OBVERSE
OTTAWA
PENNIES
PLATED
PRICE
PROOF-LIKE
QUARTER
QUEEN
RARE
REVERSE
ROLLS
SALE
SELL
SETS
SHOWS
SILVER
SMALL
TONING
VARIETIES
WINNIPEG

MPC: A NUMBERS GAME

When I received my copy of the Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates by Fred Schwan I was delighted by one number and intrigued by another. The former was the fact that my favorite series of MPC to collect, that being series 681, was ordered in 1968 the same year I was born. The latter was in regards to what the serial number could tell you in conjunction with the position number about any MPC note you have in your collection.

In reading the book I discovered that the first two digits of the three digit series number tells you the year an issue was ordered. The third digit represents the series order that year. So again using my favorite series **681** it breaks down as follows: 19**68** series order **1**. It does seem there are exceptions to the rule and maybe I missed the explanation in my first reading. The example I actually own is the second printing of the series 681 twenty dollar note since it was ordered in 1969. So should this note not be series 691, but wait there is a series 691 and it was ordered in 1967. As you can probably guess if you have not read the book that my example is not the only exception. Also I am not here to dispute the system again I like it, if for anything 681 being 1968.



What can you determine about this well worn note?
Answer on the Last Page

The other item was not so easy to fathom but piqued my interest. It was the idea that every sheet position consisted of 8000 notes. Just that little bit of information had me breaking out my calculator to see how it fit with the notes that I already had. Much to my dismay though it only seemed to work for two of my notes. The two notes that worked were $0.05 notes position 53 and 57

respectively, but I had with a position number 59 with a serial number 627,628 less than position 53. I thought am I missing something?

I kept reading though I glossed over one very important item the unit number. This did not hit home until I had the opportunity to take the Military Numismatics Since 1930 class put on by both Fred Schwan and Joe Boling held during session II of the summer seminars at the ANA in Colorado Springs. It was during one of the lectures that unit number finally had a meaning and now I could put the pieces together.

I already knew for each position there were 8000 notes, but what I was missing was that there are 8000 sheets to a unit which means for factional notes 672,000 notes per unit. So using fractional notes for our hypothetical example there are 84 positions starting with serial number 00000001 for position 1 and then the last note will be position 84 with a serial number of 00672000. Of course I am omitting the block prefix and suffix for this discussion, though if you like series 681 like I do just mentally add a C on the front and for the rear hey that is optional since leaving it off just makes the serial number that much more special. Again I digress since block letters are not what is important here. The real key is that unit 2 will start with 00672001 for position 1 and continue on for another 672,000 notes and so on and so forth with each consecutive unit.

So that is how I could have a note with a position number 59 having a serial number less than a note with a position number of 53. It was because they were from different units. As for the two notes that did work well they were both from the same unit so their spread was just the difference between the position numbers factored by 8000. As Fred would say repeatedly during our session "How cool is that!"

If this is not enough you can take it one step further with this information you now have and determine what sheet within its unit your note came from. It is not a lengthy calculation but here is an example using my $0.05 note position 59 serial number C07860023C:

07860023/672000 = **11**.69
11*672000=*7392000*
(**59**-1)*8000=*464000*
07860023-(*7392000+464000*) = 4023 or better yet Sheet 4,023

So now from the serial number I can know what unit my note came from and even narrow it down to the sheet it came from. Of course not being one to let sleeping dogs lie I knew there had to be a way to have Microsoft Excel do this for me and even determine when to use 560,000 in lieu of 672,000 based upon denomination. Yes there are different numbers used since even though there are still only 8000 sheets there are only 70 positions for $1.00 notes and even

less for notes above $1.00. So instead of pulling out the book every time and punching keys on a calculator Excel seemed the way to go.

To be honest it was not as difficult as you could imagine though I did take some time to streamline the sequence to the point I felt it was good enough to share. I set up seven columns with the following headings:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	**Denomination**	**Position**	**Serial**	**Cond.**	**Unit**	**Sheet**	ShtCalc
2							

Cells A2 through D2 are simple fill in the blanks though A2 through C2 are important in providing the information needed to determine both the unit and sheet. G2 is simply a calculation used in completing the formula for F2. So for a point of reference I will fill in the table based upon the note I used above.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	**Denomination**	**Position**	**Serial**	**Cond.**	**Unit**	**Sheet**	ShtCalc
2	0.05	59	C07860023C	67PPQ			

The following is the formula inserted into cell E2:

=ROUNDUP(IF(A3<1,(MID(C3,2,8))/672000,IF(A3=1,(MID(C3,2,8))/560000,IF(A3>1,(MID(C3,2,8))/400000))),0)

To break it down I am asking the program to determine if the denomination is either less than a dollar, equal to a dollar, or more than a dollar. Once that has been determined then the command MID pulls the eight digits out excluding the block position which when completed would return a number like 11.69 for my example. So to get 12 I ask the program to round the number up.

The following is the formula inserted into cell F2:

=(MID(C3,2,8))-(((B3-1)*8000)+G2)

This cell is basically performing the last equation taking the serial number less the sum of position number factored by 8000 plus the total units factored by the number of notes within the unit.

This leaves cell G2 which does the following:

=IF(A3<1,(E3-1)*672000,IF(A3=1,(E3-1)*560000,IF(A3>1,(E3-1)*400000)))

This calculation is only relevant to completing the formula. It is basically again evaluating the denomination to determine the number of notes based upon the unit number less 1 unit. Which when you put it all together would look something like this.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	**Denomination**	**Position**	**Serial**	**Cond.**	**Unit**	**Sheet**	ShtCalc
2	0.05	59	C07860023C	67PPQ	12	4023	7392000

Unfortunately this is the way it would look, Word tables do not seem to be able to handle or possibly understand the commands I shown above for Excel. At this point I am feeling pretty comfortable with the serial number game and hopefully you find the whole thing as intriguing as I did. Though it does beg one question now that I can determine the sheet and unit number what should I do with this information. I think at this time I better stop before I start hearing that all too familiar theme music and Rod Serling starts his introduction.

James Haney
SVCC, Webmaster

ANSWER

1. It is series 681, therefore ordered in 1968.
2. It is a replacement note, notice the lack of two block letters in the serial number.
3. It is position number 15.
4. Based upon the serial number being less than 672,000 it is from Unit 1.
5. Lastly it is from sheet 1,269, of course if you do not have excel here is the breakdown:

    a. **113269**/672000 = 0.168555 = part of 1 Unit so refer to position #
    b. (**15**-1) * 8,000 = 112000
    c. **113269** – 112000 = 1,269 or Sheet **1,269**

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismati8c Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com

Sept. 16, 2012 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club Second Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.

Sept.29, 2012 **VALLEJO**. C.S.N.A. "Coin Collectors Retreat", The 13th Annual Northern California Educational Symposium, hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers will have presentations and exhibits and door prizes are planned. Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "free" event and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available.

Oct. 5-6, 2012 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. The Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 94831. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday the 5th and 10AM to 4PM on Saturday the 6th. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Ample Free parking. **Admission $2**.

Oct. 13-4, 2012 **CONCORD.** Diablo Numismatic Society. 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Diablo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522. Website: diablocoinclub.org Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. **ADMISSION $3**.

Oct. 20-1, 2012 **STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.

Oct.27-8, 2012 **FRESNO**. Fresno Numismatic Society, 46th Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno. **ADMISSION $2**.

Nov. 4, 2012	**SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Jan. 25-7, 2013	**SAN JOSE**. San Jose 45th Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416, Phone: 408-598-7772 sanjosecoins@aol.com. Website: www.sanjosecoinclub.org **Admission $3/$1 off with any advertising**.
Feb. 17, 2013	**SAN JOSE**. "Cupertino" Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: $2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.
May 5, 2013	**VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 41st Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-980-8254. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPERORI@juno.com.
July 27-8, 2013	**FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 41st Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
Nov. 3, 2013	**SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com